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Senate Intelligence Staff Has New Director

Robert R. Simmons, a 10-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency's operations directorate, was named staff director of the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday.

Committee Chairman Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said Simmons, 38, will succeed John F. Blake, who is resigning Nov. 1.

Simmons, who served in Army intelligence in Vietnam, has been on the committee staff for the last six

months as the representative of Sen. John H. Chafee (R-R.I.).

A graduate of Haverford and Harvard, Simmons holds a master's degree in public administration and was a legislative assistant to Chafee before joining the committee staff.

Blake, a former president of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and a 32-year CIA veteran, is leaving "to take advantage of a forthcoming opportunity," Goldwater said.

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